

Hat-trick man slays Chesham

Chesham United 0, Wycombe Wanderers 4

A WELL-TAKEN hat-trick by utility man Vince Faulkner gave Wycombe an easy victory over Athenian League Division One leaders, Chesham United, at the Meadow in their Premier Mid-week Floodlight League match on Tuesday evening.

With continual drizzle making the going hard, Wanderers adapted themselves far better than Chesham who were outclassed for most of the game. Wycombe's long and accurate passes were the main source of the success whereas Chesham played it much too close — completely the wrong tactics on the night.

Wycombe's new signings, Peter Suddaby and Keith Blunt both made encouraging debuts, with Suddaby strong in the air and Blunt a constant source of accurate passes.

GOALS — ERRORS?

As the game progressed it seemed likely that goals would be scored from defensive errors rather than progressive build ups. Wanderers proved that illusion wrong with some excellent attacking, especially on the wings.

Charlie Gale made up for his poor game against Clapton and looked the best "back" on the field. Geoff Anthony and Keith Searle both had difficult chances before Barry Baker came the nearest to opening Wanderers' account with a 25 yard pile-driver which deputy 'keeper Peter Ludlow brilliantly saved, tipping it away for a corner.

After 47 minutes, Keith Blunt put in a shot which was kicked away for a corner. Keith Samuels took the kick and Vince Faulkner was at the near post to back head the ball past Ludlow.

One minute later Vince got his second when Searle's shot was deflected into his path for him to touch home, despite Ludlow getting his finger tips to it.

The nearest Chesham got to scoring was at the end of the first half when Kevin O'Brien, Chesham 'keeper last year, came out to block a Johnny Willis shot. The ball rebounded out to Lou Temel (a recent signee for Chesham from Wanderers) who intelligently put in a lofted 25 yard shot. O'Brien managed to scramble back to his goal and tip the dipping shot on to the crossbar and away to safety.

OMINOUS BLOW

Wanderers received an ominous blow when centre half John Delaney went down after a fearsome clash with Mick McCaffrey. John carried on for another 15 minutes and scored Wycombe's third goal in the 58th minute.

Gerry Olsen, back in the Chesham side after a six-week lay-off, gave away a corner; Keith Samuels and Barry Baker interpassed before Baker sent over a perfect cross which Delaney headed into the far corner.

Three minutes later Vince Faulkner got his deserved hat-trick when he outjumped 'keeper Ludlow, and with the Chesham defence appealing for offside, nodded the ball into goal for number four. After his third goal Vince moved back to centre-half when Delaney was replaced by Johnny Bucke.

For the remainder of the game Wycombe proceeded to teach Chesham the art of accurate passing and, although they slackened off towards the end, they were never really troubled throughout the game.

Wycombe Wanderers: K. O'Brien, D. Thomas, C. Gale, P. Suddaby, J. Delaney (Sub: J. Bucke, 60th min.), K. Samuels, K. Blunt, B. Baker, K. Searle, V. Faulkner, G. Anthony.

Chesham United: P. Ludlow, T. Perkins, R. Goode, T. Keen, D. Bromley, G. Olsen, L. Menrick, L. Temel, J. Willis, M. McCaffrey, S. Bowden. Sub: B. Gill (not used).